

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 528

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A RESOLUTION relative to patient care challenges faced by medical professionals and facilities.

WHEREAS, multiple shortages of medical drugs and devices are such that sometimes these disposed devices and drugs are not available to patients who need them; and

WHEREAS, the cost of medical care continues to skyrocket; and

WHEREAS, there is little evidence that "use by" dates have a significant influence on the effectiveness of most drugs; and

WHEREAS, these dates cause clinics and hospitals to dispose of potentially viable inventory; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration acknowledge the challenges faced by medical professionals and facilities due to the shortage of medical drugs and devices for patient care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration give proper consideration to the judgment exercised by medical professionals and facilities that endeavor to care for patients.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this is a time that includes challenges for patient access to care, and medical professionals and facilities are encouraged to consider patient safety and welfare as they attempt to preserve resources that may be randomly dated for disposal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a properly enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.